

November 2018 Kartorque



Newsletter of KartSport Taranaki

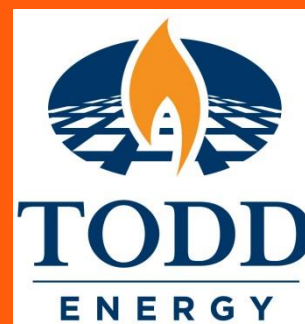
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Presidents Report – Campbell Jamieson

Hi All

This weekend KartSport Taranaki hosted the first round of Goldstar for the 2018/2019 series which kicked off in spectacular fashion. Full fields for the Junior and Vortex Mini ROK classes lit up the Todd Energy Raceway and drew lot of attention from passers-by on SH3. For me it was a different experience than normal. Being on the organisational side of a Goldstar meeting revealed a lot more about how much our officials do, and how much of what they do is about looking after us karters. A lot of people contributed to the success of this meeting, but I particularly enjoyed hearing the driver interviews from Robert Boniface. Brendon King did such a great job on the gate he might yet earn the nickname Brucey 2.0, and as always Maurice Frost and Steve Boyde

were instrumental in putting the whole meeting together.

Have-a-go season is back again. Simon Wilcox and I are receiving requests, mostly from large groups of people who want to get on the track for team building exercises. The Have-a-go programme is rewarding and great for the club, but it's hard work to run. For larger groups it is much more efficient to run 4 or 5 karts at a time. I would like to hear if any of our club members would lend their karts and time to help ease the load. There is financial incentive to do this, as anyone lending their kart to the cause can be reimbursed a percentage of the have-a-go fee for wear-and-tear on their machines.

Todd Energy have agreed to support our club for yet another year, and so they retain their naming rights for the Todd Energy Raceway. Todd Energy have supported KartSport Taranaki for

15 years now, and this year we were able to give back sessions in the have-a-go karts which they have helped us purchase. We will continue to grow our relationship with Todd Energy through giving them opportunities to use karting as a great team building activity.

Since we are reaching the end of year, can all trophy recipients from 2017 please begin to return their trophies to the club or Supreme Karts. We'll be looking to have them engraved early January, and late trophies can make this process cumbersome and costly.

I look forward to seeing you all at club champs next weekend for more great racing 😊

Cheers,

Campbell Jamieson



Club News

Last month saw the running of our annual enduro round. As usual, there were lots of highs and lows throughout the fields due to all of the usual drama that unfolds in these longer races. The old saying, "to finish first, first you must finish" rang true. It's not necessarily the fastest kart and driver combo that will win and it takes no mistakes and a cool head over the entire duration to get a result. There will be one or two hefty repair bills after a bit of unnecessary carnage.

One thing that the committee has come to realise is that we simply can't afford to have the Clubsport class mixed in with the rest of the senior field. The speed differential was a factor in a couple of incidents, so in future, these classes will run separately. This includes the Grand Prix we have at the end of a normal club day. It's not something we wanted to do but our hand has been forced.

Best wishes go out to Gary Soper who is still undergoing treatment for a badly broken leg. We wish you well Gary and hope to see you back!

Back to the racing - Well done to all of the class winners.

Cadet – Ryann Windley

Mini ROK – Bronson Pierce

Juniors – Ben Isaac

Seniors (Overall) – Brendon King

Seniors (Single driver) – Brendon King

First team – David and Nathan Cox

Clubsport 120 – Matt Peacock

First KT100 – Scott Rathgen

Thanks to everyone who helped out with the planning, preparation and execution of Goldstar. These events take a lot of work behind the scene's so thanks goes out to everyone who did their part. Special mentions to Maurice, Campbell, Steve, Peter, and the Boniface family who all go the extra mile to help the club be successful. Thank you once again guys!

Thanks also to everyone who attended the working bee earlier this month. The committee is looking to upgrade some of our safety devices such as crash bags and fencing. This will be a major project which we plan to seek funding for in the near future.

Just a reminder for everyone to please check the crash bags are all in their correct positions before practising on the track. It has been noted that some of the bags had been blown around in the wind leaving fences exposed. This is a safety issue so please check them before heading out on the track.

Congratulations to all of our drivers who competed in Round 1 of the Goldstar series. There was some fantastic racing over the weekend and it's great to see the progress being made by some of our junior drivers in what were very strong fields. Some of the decision making under pressure and race craft skills on display were outstanding so well done to all!. Results as follows:

Brad Still -1st Senior DVS

Adam Smith – 5th Rotax light

Nathan Cox – 7th Rotax light

Jacob Bellamy – 6th Mini Rok

Euan Dwyer – 16th Mini Rok

Hamish Dwyer – 17th Mini Rok

Derek Lawrence – 1st Clubsport 120

Nathan Nolly – 2nd Clubsport 120

Dave Hammond – 8th Clubsport 120

Garth Lacey – 10th Clubsport 120

Ben Isaac – 5th Junior DVS

This weekend rounds out our busy month with our annual club champs. No doubt there will be a few coming out of the woodwork this weekend. Good luck to everyone, we hope to see big fields in what is always a really cool days racing.

That's it from me for this month. David Cox and I will be away contesting the KZ2 class at the NZ Superkart Nationals at Hampton Downs this weekend so we'll catch you all next time!

Nick.

NEXT EVENT
CLUB CHAMPS
SUNDAY 25 NOVEMBER
2018

Duty Class : Everyone

Direction: Anti- Clockwise
Convenor(s) : Dave Hammond
Gates open: 8.00
Scrutineering: 8.30 – 9.00
Drivers briefing: 9.15
Racing Starts: 9.30
Lunch: 12.30
Prizegiving at the conclusion of the day!













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